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the people will not pay the tax.

and pretty nearly what its track cost; be reduced."

To the extent that it urges the

Mere honesty in public affairs is no longer sufficient. It will not do in these days to say that "he means well but knows nothing about bookkeeping." No man is fit to hold office and handle the funds of the public unless he can give strict account of the money which is under his care as a trust fund. Carelessness in accounting is inexcusable; slipshod methods are a crime.

It is easy to see that unless the utmost care is practiced the burdens will enterprises, excellent in themselves, has the means. She must be just beshe can be generous; she must pay her own debts before she can pose as a philanthropist.

The cutting of salaries is a small matter. Abolish all the offices, and the saving would not make much of a

One of the State officials is quoted have treated in humorous vein the fact that the committee was honest enough

## THE SANITARY SURVEY.

general sanitary survey to be made in 1911 by the State Health Department. This is not of mere technical interest; it bears directly and vitally upon the the population of Virginia.

In bringing about this survey, the great degree by the requests of the institutions and the statements of educators. Another consideration has the recent investigation of the caused the Virginia Military Institute and Washington and Lee University to close their doors until next month, With the results of this inquiry in mind, the Department has wisely and soundly concluded to study carefully the sanitary conditions in other college communities. The chief purpose in such an investigation will be to prevent epidemics of typhoid in the public institutions of the State.

Sanitary Engineer Messer, of the Department, will personally visit all of the State schools and institutions, studying in detail the water supply, the methods of sewage disposal and the general arrangements for the health of the students or inmates.

No alarm regarding conditions in the public institutions is felt by Commissioner Ennion G. Williams, of the Department, for he states that conditions in most of the institutions are well-nigh model. It is further stated that the authorities of many of these institutions wish the approval of the State Health Department for their present arrangements and their future plans.

The sanitary survey will prove of high value and real service to the State, and it is heartily commended. Bane for the sanitary ordering of the rinstitutions, and the preventive na- simmon than the Frenchined impres- is to pitch Mr. Ballinger but, body and State failed of election just as Roose.

liable to the rapid spread of infection. every precaution ought to be taken to Sunday edition only...... 2.00 1.00 .00 .25 make conditions as prohibitive of dis-Weekly (Wednezday).... 1.00 .50 .25 ... case as possible.

CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL.

It is never safe for a man to deny the accuracy of a report published in newspaper after the report has been submitted to him and revised by in his own handwriting before it has been published. This is one of the first lessons that a man in public life should -

ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION.

The Times-Herald reports that there are town lots in Newport News which are assessed at "more than they would THE STATE AND THE TREASURY, bring if offered for sale on the usual won't pay th' tax," said Mr. Dooley. where a lot is assessed at \$200 more The time will come in Virginia when than it cost a year ago, and \$200 more Burdens of taxation are not par- within the past several months." Our ticularly heavy in Virginia, but they contemporary also knows of "a certain are inequitably distributed. The bonds county in Virginia" where the prices and choses in action of the widow and at which farm lands are held by their orphan pay their full rate, assessed at owners are far greater than the averpar value, while the income of many age assessment of these lands for taxaa flourishing business or professional tion, and it insists that "all property nan does not figure in his sworn tax shall be assessed at its fair market returns. A share of stock in a bank value," such being the requirement of Roosevelt's "intimate friends" in sessor thinks will please the owner, it should be raised; if higher than the

ments of the State Accountant, and the famous cotton lands in South Caro- Both Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt apnone save a fiscal officer can controvert lina, that are valued at \$300 the acre,

pefore long fall too heavily on those who are unfortunate enough to be housest. There are many praiseworthy that this is a very foolish ordinance; were of so positive a character in money. In the opinion of the Herald, wary might have supposed that the unity may be that the town needs the money. In the opinion of the Herald, wary might have supposed that the unity may be that the unity money. money. In the opinion of the Herald, wary might have supposed that the An interesting review of the "it would pay Columbia, or any other writers had been actually taken into presidential activities of former Presitown, to maintain at its own expense the confidence of these two men with dents was an illuminating part of the to furnish out-of-town papers the thing away to the general public, in ing the facetious suggestions of Ben bla would be in a bad fix, to be sure, if the newspaper correspondents there reports about the President and the enliven the dull ceremony of installing should quit writing about it, and its Colonel that come through "intimate his successor, the speaker pointed out as being amused at the condition of many activities, some of which at least friends." Neither of them has lest as a model the life of Washington.

and do their work. Surely, the city ence or their intimate friends. could not tax them for going into town every day and keeping their eyes and Of far-reaching benefit to the public ears open to what might be going on, institutions of the State and all who and a quick trip back to their bureaus in the suburbs re said to be altogether delightful places of residence, would enable them to keep their papers filled with "The City on the Congareo," without surrendering to the Welfare of a considerable proportion or demands of Council. The telegraph companies would doubtless be pleased to open offices for their use at what-Health Department was influenced to ever place they might agree upon for their stand against oppression, and, besides saving the license fee of \$25 the year for being of actual service to press the members of the City Council with the folly of their course.

"QUITE THE BEST." dictum that the cartoons are "quite the best in New York." Macauley, in The World, and Rogers in The Herald do better work every day, and have been doing it every day for months without exciting any special wonder, sculpture who might like the Tribune

of the Health Department is very gen- and affectionate friend to make a sug- who are in no sense responsible for of his State listened "with pain." Van still, the Virginia waffle, which fur- received a \$20 gold piece. It was one Department in the due exercise of its enough for it to print as "pure read- is unthinkable) we should stay. ginning Monday morning and follow that ought to be shot up, t with another line; "Find Out in The Pribune Next Sunday Morning," we venture to say that it would have a There was the breath of Spring in venture to say that it would have a larger circulation than its presses the air yesterday. Did you see the sun should govern: "As far as it is in my time, and thus it would come back into all the wondrous purples and golds. the limelight and be happy forever and the brilliant sheen that flowed after.

any of The Tribune's newspaper man and woman has the benediction

### "INTIMATE FRIENDS."

is assessed at what it is worth; an the State Constitution. "If the assess- Washington have received letters from acre of land often at what the as-ment is lower than the market value, him in which he declares that it is where this came from, and it fits the A railroad is taxed on its gross receipts market price, the assessment should that he has expressed himself in favor the owner of costly personal equip- That seems to be an entirely fair dent. Queer sort of "intimate friends" ments at what he chooses to say he view of the question of assessment and that would take the general public taxation; but the difficulty appears to into the contents of "intimate" letters, be how to enforce the rule. There have We do not know what Mr. Roosevelt strictest economy in State affairs, ac- been a good many increases in the tax- will do about Mr. Taft's renomination. curate accounting and auditing of pub- able property of some of the counties, and if we were in Mr. Taft's place, we lie funds, and equal distribution of and the Tax Commission is now trying should neither ask nor care—he has taxation, the report of the Legisla- to work out a plan which will discov- not yet said, so far as we have seen, tive Auditing Committee is unquester the tax-dodgers. It is clear that that he will not be a candidate himselt; tionably a most valuable public docu- town lots which cannot be sold for but we do not believe that he has ment. Its figures we assume to be cor- \$200 should not be assessed at \$200; made any such declaration as that now

should not be assessed at \$10 the acre. choice of some of their "intimate Merchants and others engaged in "business" are required to pay taxes on the volume of business done by them; probably a like rule for those engaged in agriculture would "even up" the burden of taxation and be fair all round.

TAXING THE CORRESPONDENTS.

An ordinance has been passed by the City Council, of Columbia, S. C., imposing a license tax of \$25 on all news bureaus established in that town, We and the fair and the grand things touching their personal and talk indiscriminately about what they have been told presumably in confidence and indiscriminately about what they have been told presumably in confidence and indiscriminately about what they have been told presumably in confidence and indiscriminately about what they have been told presumably in confidence and indiscriminately about what they have been told presumably in confidence and indiscriminately about what they have been told presumably in confidence and indiscriminately about what they have been told presumably in confidence and indiscriminately about what they have been told presumably in confidence and indiscriminately about what they have been told presumably in confidence and ectianly without the expectation of the family, his town, his State, and his country. With this disposition he will have work enough to do and that sort of work which yields more individual contentment and gratification than belong to the embarrassment of all round.

City Council, of Columbia, S. C., imposing a license tax of \$25 on all news in the President state of the family and prompt to bear his part in every useful work that will promote the happiness and progress of his family, his town, his State, and his family, his town, his State, and his part in every useful work that will promote the happiness and progress of his family, h Merchants and others engaged in friends," who have a most uncommon a corps of trained newspaper reporters the request that they give the whole address of Mr. Whitelock.

have been effectively promoted by the the power of speaking for himself on who retired to Mount Vernon, screne There is no reason, however, why their intimates about things which as a petit juror, the newspapers should establish but these intimates have afterwards dix- Participation in constitutional conits members belonged. We have been reaus in Columbia nor why the correscussed openly with their intimates, in ventions was the chief public postple will be acre to discover anything are some very near-by suburbs, be in the line of safety for them to Madison and Monroe sat in the same

the town, they would save other much munity. Their responsibility is large. Adams. typhoid epidemic at Lexington, which larger sums in the cost of living. Such They are, in a sense, the chief guarda hegira of the newspaper correspon- lans of the public safety, and it would as a lawyer is treated interestingly in dents as this would immediately im- be only right and proper to have them the address. Mr. Whitelock shows that pass an ordinance requiring them to early cases in the Chief Provincial "They are a great joy to all our wear a uniform consistent with their Court shows the following results: family, and I want to thank you for rank, and we would suggest frock First year, 68; second year, 115; third them," says "M. S. H." in a letter to coats of black broadcloth and black year, 128; fourth year, 121; fifth year, the New York Tribune about the car- doeskin trousers. The coat should car- 137; sixth year, 151; seventh year, 127. toonist the Tribune has employed and ry two rows of brass buttons set in He was reverting, therefore, to an old the cartoons he draws. "I want to groups of fours and gold epaulettes, habit when he wrote with his own congratulate you on your new cartoon- The trousers should have a gold stripe hand the deed of conveyance for the ist. The cartoons are quite the best an inch and a half wide running down site of the University of Virginia, to in New York." That is the rest of the outer seams. The Commissioners which he, Madison and Monroe devoted what "M. S. H." says, but as there are should be required also to carry short so much of the last years of their "quite some few persons" who will swords at the left side, except in the lives. never hear about it unless it is more case of such Commissioners as may be To some extent the careers of Anwidely advertised than in the modest left-handed, when the sword should be drew Jackson and Theodore Rocsevelt way his opinions are presented in the worn on the right side. Richmond is were alike, although Mr. Whitelock Tribune, we cheerfully assist in a great big growing town, and there falls to make this comparison in his spreading the glad news without in is nothing that is so impressive as a address. Both figured very largely in

the President whom he shall select for eight years of administering the Govbecause that is their business. We are his Cabinet advisers. We are told enment at Washington to administer some ' who like the Borglum style of could have ended his "troubles" (note Years as much of the tiovernment as the The results of this investigation will style of cartoon work; but for every time "by bidding Secretary Ballinger a day people, Rogers and Macauley come courteons good-by," If this be true, has not succeeded. Jackson's Candimuch nearer bringing down the per- the thing evidently for Mr. Taft to do date for the governorship of his own

plenary powers will investigate the lng matter" what its partial friends colleges not under State control. say about it, but it would be far more The World, "the longer the Administration of Polk secure the presidency, but Where large bodies of people are liv- business-like if it would take these tration will offer itself as a free the venerable ex-President only lived where large bodies of people are liver in close contact, sup- appreciative things and advertise them target to its enemies. But if its three months after the inauguration in all the other papers in New York," in linger to shoot at, that is another realetters half as long as one's hand; son why he should stay. In working itprinted in the other New York papers self into a lather over Ballinger we Even the two youngest at the age of would make everybody in New York fear that our ever-vigilant contemcurious to know what it meant, if porary and leader, which we in-Tribune would run just this line variably follow when it is right, may and lived for the most part in secluand nothing more for three days, he- lose sight of some of the bigger things sion and quiet.

SUNSET ON THE JAMES.

from its last rays and filled the whole orable, you can command me without The Tribune cut its price some heavens with beauty and illuminated months ago; but it did not say any- the spires and roofs? Was therething about it except in the bosom of could there ever be-such another picthe Tribune family, and the family was ture? And the James, curving away in elected by Southern votes. willing to pay for it whatever it asked. majesty to the sea, hearing a thousfuls in New York it must play accord- ture! It was but the ending of a welcome to it with our good wishes high thought, from work well performed and talents wisely invested, There are other communities that dream of happiness and imagine de-It is said, now, that several of Mr. lights, but none that truly can or deserve to realize them.

"absurd" for any one to have reported situation exactly. We shall have oceasion, doubtless, to resort to the same fount of inspiration again.

### PRECEDENTS IN EX-PRESIDENTS. "What shall we do with that melan-choly product, an ex-President?"

Such was the question which George the Maryland Bar and secretary of the American Bar Association, well known to members of the Virginia Bar Asso- Ill-starred have been those disobedient ciation, answered in his address on Wednesday before the Nebraska Bar Association. Here is the reply, based on the experience of the former chief pear to have been unfortunate in the magistrates of the nation, which he

ts members belonged. We have been unable to find anything humorous in pondents who handle Columbia stuff turn, or with the representatives of the presidential act of three Presidents. the report, and we doubt that the peo- shall live in the forbidden city. There press, so as to keep it dark, it would John Adams, Madison and Monroe, exeruciatingly funny in connection where they could make their homes change the form of their correspond- Virginia Constitutional Convention,

which would differentiate them from doubled his income and tried a muitithe commonalty. City Council should tude of causes. The record of his

WHY TALLINGER SHOULD STAY.

The disposition of some of our con-The disposition of some of our con-temporaries to "boss the whole join" said of the Saga student of Oyster Bay. has gone to the extent of informing "It has been said that he terminated tive of such reforms as will follow sionist who is making the Tribune breeches. Either that, or Ballinger with amply justify the survey. If we look positively giddy. mistake not, the scope of the powers | If the Tribune will permit an old not know exactly, except that those "torrential" speeches to which the men

eral and sweeping, and if it shall be gestion we would like to say that hav- the present Administration insist that Buren lost in the presidential election, nishes brawn and sinew to so many possible when the present survey is ing changed its character it should be must go, which, being the case, if and Jackson's influence had not precompleted, it is to be hoped that the also change its gait. It is all well we were in Ballinger's (a thing that valled, for even Jackson's own State of

What should be the attitude of an ex-President toward succeeding Presidents? Mr. Whitelock declares that Washington's attitude towards Adams power to support your administration and to render it easy, happy and honreserve." Van Buren, Pierce and Buchanap supported Lincoln's administra-

willing to pay for it whatever it asked. If our contemporary intend to play in the game with the other penny dreadthe game with the other penny dreadthe game with the other penny dreada million promises of the sea, bearing a thousand memories of the historic past and the game with the other penny dreada million promises of the gorgeous fuself expediently to literature or agrithan adjoining lots were sold for ing to the rules. We venture to say typical day in this blessed city, where thropy. Assuredly, he is an approculture, or to education or philanthat this is "quite the best" advice every prospect is happy and every priate figure in a national celebration: he may even be a sage adviser in a friends has ever given it, and it is that comes from clean conscience and constitutional convention, certainly an ornamental member of it," asserts Mr. Whitelock, who thinks that it is difficult for an ex-President to back," either professionally or politically, "Gauged by historic tests, an ex-President must expect his public utterances to be without note of per

In short, Mr. Whitelock believes, as the American people always have beonce at Monticello: "It is as much the charge of office as to have borne it faithfully." That wise admonition has been followed by most of those who have filled the Presidential chair, and the past is the mirror of the future. to the lessons of the past.

about one hundred and forty years ago; "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb"; but we have within the jast few days absolute proof that the one particular lamb of a somewhat contentious disposition having been comes from, so many persons having speaking in Scriptical form

our sympathy with the natural aversion of the editor of the Rosnoke Times to the place or condition or estate in which the fire never goes out and the worm never dies.

The American hen is on the job. Last year she laid seventeen dozen eggs for every man, woman, and child in the

Treason in Norfolk. At a great pube dinner given there on Monday the plece de resistance of the menu was "Baltimore ham." Where was the vaunted Smithheld?

Three children were in a motor car on Main Street yesterday. One of hem, not over ten years of age, was friving the car. Such precocity as this ught to be discouraged without delay by the proper authorities.

The melancholy days have come, the days of turkey hash.

Buckwheat cakes are losing their popularity in their stronghold, New Jersey, says the New York World, and we are glad to hear it. Our contemporary knows of people who eat willing to admit that there are "quite now by The World that the President at the Hermitage for another eight from Mirty-seven to forty-two cat breakfast every day, while people who have indigestion confine themselves to twenty. It is to be hoped that corncakes will be substituted, or, better

> Children Ory FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

There is nothing new in fashion. A passage in the Babylonian Talmud as- be grinding again. serts that the robes of the ladies of Babylon were so tight that they could to the palaezole age,

of the most appropriate gifts that Mr. Rockefeller ever made,

A few more days, fellows, and you'll

The New York World will recollect walk only with short steps. That that it was Dyrenforth who made it makes the hobble skirt almost belong rain, sometimes, by his explosions, and forth for the contemplation of The The very latest benefaction of Mr. World. If it is not in favor of the Rockefeller was his gift to the school election of United States Senators by teachers of Pocantico and Sleepy Hol- popular vote, why does it keep on try-

# Daily Queries and Answers

Times-Dispatch. No mathematical problems will be solved, no coins or stamps valued and no dealers' names will be given.

1212. London destroyed by fire, 3.000 lives lost; 1666. London again destroyed, thousands of lives lost; 1893. Pike's Opera House, Clacinnati, scores of lives lost; 1893. Pike's Opera House, Clacinnati, scores of lives lost; 1825. forcat fires in New Brunswick, 160 lives lost; 1835. 1,158 buildings, 1825. forcat fires in New Brunswick, 160 lives lost; 1835. 1,158 buildings, 164 lives lost; 1835. 1,158 buildings, 164 lives lost; 1835. 1,158 buildings, 165 lives lost; 1835. 1,158 buildings, 165 lives lost; 1836. Quebec, 70 lives lost; 1850. While adelphia, 30 lives lost; 1851, 3,000 buildings in San Francisco destroyed, scores of lives lost; 1852. Philadelphia, 30 lives lost; 1852. Troy, N. Y., destroyed, scores of lives lost; 1852. Santiago, South America, 2,000 lives lost; 1909. Windsor Hotel fire, New York, 50 lives lost; 1909. Conder S-9, 1871. Chicago partly destroyed, 200 lives lost; 1851, 1600 lives lost; 1908. Francisco fire, 1600 lives lost; 1908. Porting lost lost, 1908. Included lives lost; 1851. Store, 1851. Lehman's Theatre, St. Petersburg; 1882. Newhall Hotel, Milwaukee, 14 lives lost; 1885. Buffalo

# once at Monticello; "It is as much the duty of a President to lay down the NEW EARL ENTITLED TO ANCIENT OFFICE

NCASTER'S new earl, who is married to an American woman, Eloise Breese, daugnter of the Isolate William I. Breese, of New York, by his union with Miss Marle Parsons, of Columbus, O. (now Mirs. Henry B. Higgins, of London) is one of the three peers entitled to the ancient office of lord great chamberiain of England, and will assume its duties, its prerogatives and its precedence—that is to say, the "pas" over all other earls—on the death of the near septuagenarian Lord Carrington, or in the event of a demise of the crown. The office of lord great chamberlain which carries with it the control of the Palace of Westminster, including the Abbey, has been hereditary for many hundreds of years, and by virtue of descent is now owned jointly by the Earls of Carrington and of Ancaster, and by the Marquis of Choimmondeley. At the time when their rights were established by the courts, they agreed among themselves that they would hold its office in rotation, they agreed among themselves that they would hold its office in rotation, they agreed among themselves that they would hold its office in rotation, and the former many of the portraits, articles of furmany of the portraits, articles of the almost priceless Gobelin tapestries data ball the almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries of the almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries data ball the almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries data ball the almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries of hearty vill., it is immany of the portraits, articless of bell the almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries and above all the almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries data ball the almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries data ball the almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries and almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries almost priceless. Gobelin tapestries almost

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fourth Lord Willoughby of Eresby, and
to who was created by Queen Victoria.
Some eighteen years age, Earl of Ancaster.

It is this peer who has just died,
and it will be seen that through his
long life of eighty years he was known
by many different names; first as Gilbert Heathcote Drummond, then, after
the death of his father, as Lord Aveland, and after the demise of his
mother, several years later, as Lord
willoughby of Eresby, while six years
afterwards Queen Victoria gave him
the title of Earl of Ancaster, it is
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reason of his wealth, his vast territorial possessions and the political influence consequent thereupon.

The American-born Courtess of Ancaster will now find herself mistress
of many beautiful and historic country
of seats, two of which call for more
special attention, namely, Grimsthorpe
Castle, in Lincolnshire and Drummona
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is Castle, in Perthshire, Grimsthorpe
Castle, in the district between the
forest and the fens, associated by
Kingsley with "Hereward the Wake,"
It owes its creation largely to that
Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, who
married the widowed Queen Mary of
France, sister of Henry VIII., and who
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